Summer Activities

Welcome to Warriors' Path State Park! We hope you will enjoy your visit! While you are with us, we invite you to take advantage of the rich natural beauty and wealth of opportunities for enjoyable recreation here at the park.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 1

- **5:00 PM BEACH SEARCH -** The lakeshore is full of tiny beaches, full of signs of wildlife and clues to the people who once traveled here. Each wave brings us new things to find! Meet at the camper check-in station to begin our natural "treasure hunt."
- **7:00 PM PREDATOR/PREY** Explore the competition between hunter and hunted. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if is raining.
- **9:00 PM STAR GAZING** There's a universe waiting to be discovered just above our heads. Let's look up and wonder at the stars. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool. In case of rain, meet at the pool entrance for some night sky legends.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

- **9:00 AM SINKING WATERS HIKE** Come hike through a unique wetland home without getting wet! Discover the "sink" of Sinking Waters! Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool.
- **10:30 AM PAW PRINT NOTE CARDS** Create your own personalized note cards, using local animal's tracks! Your unique design is only a "footstep" away. Meet at the main bath house.
- **1:00 PM BUTTERFLY & DRAGONFLY WATCHING -** Summer days are bright with these fantastic flyers! Come share exciting discoveries as we watch these lovely bugs. Meet at the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool.
- **2:30 PM BLIND WALK** Let's leave our eyes behind and "see" what our ears and hands can tell us. Meet at the campfire circle, east end of the campground for a different "look" at the park.
- **3:30 PM** WHO AM I? Let's play a game of twenty questions with a new natural twist! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or the main bath house if it is raining.
- **5:00 PM** NATURE GAMES Don't miss the natural fun for the young or the young-at-heart! Meet at the Open Air Chapel for some lively games about our natural world. If it's raining, meet at the main bath house.
- **7:00 PM SKULLS NATURE'S TOOL BOX -** Every animal carries along all the tools it needs for survival! Come investigate some natural "tool boxes," and find out more about each animal's job! Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **9:00 PM TENNESSEE WILDERNESS** Enjoy a slide-illustrated tour of Tennessee's wild, scenic places and the special values they hold. After the slide show, well have a demonstration of how to read wildlife signs. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it's raining.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

- **9:30 AM DEVIL'S BACKBONE HIKE** -Come hike to the high places, and get some new views of our park land. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool to the start of an invigorating hike.
- **10:30 AM "FLING IT" -** Try your hand at a new game of catch the ball. Meet at the Open Air Chapel.
- **12 NOON CREEK WALK** Get on your old clothes and tennis shoes. It's time to explore the cool, clear creek waters. We'll discover a world of amazing life. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool. Be prepared to get wet!
- **1:00 PM FROG CALLS -** Our slippery, hopping friends have some amazing voices! Come to the main bath house to "listen in" to our amphibian neighbors.
- **3:00 PM FIELD SWEEP** This green world at our feet is teeming with amazing life. Help us "sweep up" some field discoveries. Meet at the Open Air Chapel.
- **4:00 PM TREE TOOLS** How big is that tree? How old is it? What wildlife could be hiding in it? Come see and try out some of the tools that foresters use to study and protect our native trees. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **5:00 PM EARTH VOLLEYBALL -** Try a "new twist" on this old favorite! Take good care of our little world while enjoying a great game. Meet at the campfire circle, east end of the campground.
- **7:00 PM BACKPACKING -** Want to go backpacking but don't know how to start?

 Come to the Open Air Chapel for some information and demonstrations on how to get started. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- **9:00 PM SPIDERS** Enjoy a slide-illustrated journey through spider country. Get a close look at these amazing creatures, from the comfort of your seat. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it's raining. After the slide show, we'll take a short stroll into "spider country."

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- **8:00 AM BIRD WALK** Let's be "early birds" and catch some new discoveries about park birds. We'll use our eyes and ears to "listen in." Meet at the main bath house to begin our walk through bird country.
- **9:30 AM HOLSTON BLUFFS RAILROAD TOUR** Our park is tied to history through the rails! Let's hike the old railroad grade, and hear the stories of these old railroaders' lives. Drive to the campground check-in station, and we'll carpool.
- **10:30 AM KICKBALL** Come have a kicking good time! Meet at the Open Air Chapel and we'll walk on over to the field.
- 11:30 AM SPIDER SCAVENGER HUNT Come discover more about our eight-legged neighbors! These tiny web-spinners have some incredible stories to tell. Meet at the main bath house.
- **1:00 PM** MID-DAY STROLL Enjoy the cool, the peace and the special discoveries of mid-day in the forest. Meet at the main bath house for a short, refreshing hike.

THURSDAY, CONTINUED

- **2:00 PM**BIKE RIDE TO THE DUCK ISLAND Meet at the camper check-in station and we'll pedal on down to Duck Island! We'll have a chance to watch the ducks, and discover more about their fascinating behavior! Note that ALL riders MUST wear a bicycle helmet. Children 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult!
- **3:30 PM LETTERS FROM THE PAST** Warriors' Path has a LONG history of travelers. Meet at the Open Air Chapel and we'll try to "read" some clues from long ago. In case of rain, meet at the main bath house.
- **5:00 PM** TAG You're it! You're the one we need to make all these great tag games work. Meet at the Open Air Chapel for all kinds of tag games. If it is raining, meet at the main bath house.
- **7:00 PM**MEET THE OWLS Meet some real live feathered hunters. Come to the Open Air Chapel and see "whooo..." is waiting for you. If it is raining, meet at the main bath house.
- **9:00 PM NIGHT HIKE TO SINKING WATERS -** It's a whole different world out there at night! Tonight is our chance to discover the peace and the excitement of a night in the Sinking Waters wetland. Bring a dim flashlight and drive to the camper check-in station. We'll carpool out to the park back country.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- **9:30 AM WAKE UP WALK** Let's wake up our senses to morning in the forest. Meet at the main bath house for a refreshing morning walk.
- **10:30 AM TRASH TO TREASURE** Here's a new way to recycle! We can take the junk that makes our park look ugly, and create our own "animals". Pick up some trash on your way to the main bath house.
- 11:30 AM BIKE RIDE TO SHIPLEY CEMETERY -Long years before this was a park, it was the Shipley family farm. As we visit their family cemetery, and the green hills beyond, we can get a better feeling for their land and their lives. Pedal on down to the camper check-in station. Note that ALL riders MUST wear a bicycle helmet. Children 10 or under must be accompanied by an adult!
- **1:00 PM** TURTLE TALK Meet some real, live "shelled friends" and learn more about their amazing lives. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, (main bath house if it rains).
- **3:00 PM JUNIOR RANGERS: WATER QUALITY -** Help the Park Rangers take care of our region's water resources. You'll make a big difference for our earth, and begin to earn your Junior Ranger badge. Meet at the Open Air Chapel.
- **4:00 PM** BASKETBALL KNOCKOUT- Let's sink a few! Have a dribbling great time! Meet at the Recreation Building on Duck Island.
- **5:00 PM PRE-DINNER RAMBLE -** Let's "work up an appetite" for nature discovery! Enjoy a short easy walk through the woodlands. Meet at the camper check-in station.
- **6:00 PM OLD TIMEY GAMES** Enjoy some good-old fun! Try some games from the early settlement days of East Tennessee. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it's raining.
- **9:00 PM TENNESSEE TALES** Enjoy a slide-illustrated talk on Tennessee Folklife, and then share some good-old traditional tall tales. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it rains.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- **9:30 AM FALL CREEK LOOP TRAIL** -Let's hike the park's most scenic trail! Enjoy beautiful vistas of the summer fields, as we search for signs of the unique habitats in the open country. Drive to the camper check-in station, and we'll carpool to the start of a two hour hike.
- **1:00 PM WATER OFF A DUCK'S BACK** Check out some "natural raincoats" at the Open Air Chapel, or main bath house if it is raining.
- **2:00 PM WET WORLDS** For us, the lake is a place to go boating or fishing. But for the micro-world of plankton, it's a home. Come help us sample this incredible world of tiny lives floating in lake water. Meet at the main bath house, and we'll stroll on down to the shore.
- **3:30 PM SPOTLIGHT STROLL** Let's shine our light on some bright natural discoveries. Meet at the campground check-in station to begin a short, sunlit hike
- **6:00 PM CANE POLE FISHING -** All it takes is a pole, a line, a hook, and a little bit of time! Come enjoy some good-old cane pole fishing along the lake shore. Over 12 years old, be sure to bring your TN fishing license. Meet at the park's marina.
- **9:00 PM INSECT ATTRACTION -** We've all seen moths and other night insects fluttering around lights. Tonight we'll have a chance to get a close look at some of the "beautiful bugs" of the night. Meet at the Open Air Chapel, or pool entrance if it is raining.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

9:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE - Enjoy a peaceful morning worship service at the Open Air Chapel, or at the pool entrance if it is raining. Sponsored by the Colonial Heights Baptist Church.

SPECIAL NOTE: We work hard to make our programs both safe and fun! However, as with any outdoor activity, there is always a risk of personal discomfort or even personal injury. Please use your common sense and care whenever you enjoy activities in the **Great Tennessee Outdoors.**

